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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: **Matthew P. Carter et al.**

Appln. No.: **10/728,589**

Filed: **December 4, 2003**

For: **BILIARY STENT INTRODUCER SYSTEM**

Attorney Docket No: **10000-218**

Examiner: **To Be Assigned**

Art Unit: **3731**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**TRANSMITTAL**

Sir:

**Attached is/are:**

- ☒ Check for \$350.00; Preliminary Amendment
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- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
- ☒ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+ \$180=			+ \$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$350

**Fee payment:**

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$350.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

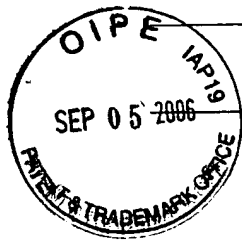
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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